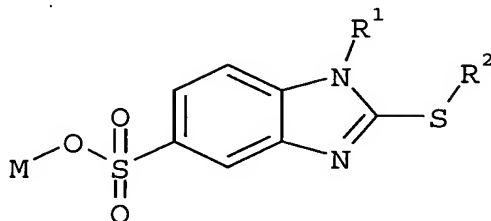
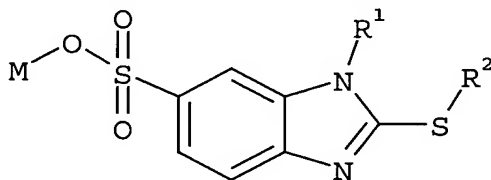


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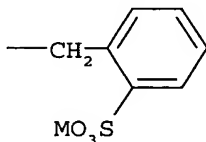
1. A compound represented by formula (I):



- 5 a compound represented by formula (II):



or a mixture of at least one compound represented by formula (I) with at least one compound represented by formula (II), wherein M is hydrogen, an alkali atom or an ammonium group; R¹ is hydrogen,

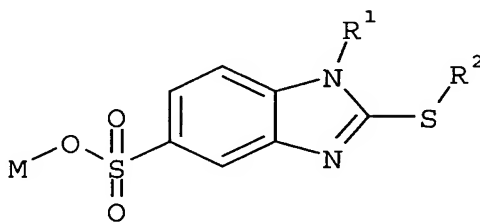


- 10 a $-(CH_2)_mSO_3M$ group or a $-(CH_2)_mSO_3M$ group; R² is an alkyl-, alkenyl- or alkynyl- group having 6 to 25 carbon atoms; and m is an integer between 1 and 5.

- 15 2. Compound according to claim 1, wherein R¹ is a $-(CH_2)_mSO_3M$ group and n is 12 to 24.

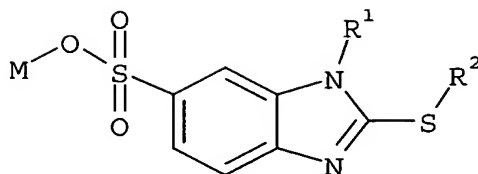
3. Compound according to claim 1, wherein R¹ is a $-(CH_2)_mSO_3M$ group and n is 12 to 16.

- 20 4. A process using at least one compound represented by formula (I):

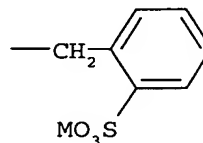


at least one compound represented by formula (II):

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or a mixture of at least one compound represented by said formula (I) and at least one compound represented by said formula (II), wherein M is hydrogen, an alkali atom or an ammonium group; R^1 is



hydrogen, a $-(CH_2)_mSO_3M$ group or a SO_3M group; R^2 is an alkyl-, alkenyl- or alkynyl- group having 6 to 25 carbon atoms; and m is an integer between 1 and 5, as a surfactant.